

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 1957.

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30th June, 1957 -

Males - 355,720

Females - 336,162

Persons - 691,882

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1957 -

Persons - 376,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	SEPTEMBER		Nine Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Marriages - Number	393	401	3,646	3,775
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	6.88	7.19	7.05	7.45
Births - Number	1,270	1,315	12,666	12,861
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	22.25	23.59	24.47	25.38
Deaths - Number	529	519	3,984	4,277
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	9.27	9.31	7.70	8.44
Infant - Number	30	36	275	301
Mortality * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	23.62	27.38	21.71	23.40
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	4	9	24	37
Malignant neoplasms	66	88	616	617
Diabetes mellitus	6	7	51	51
Diseases of blood, etc.	-	1	11	9
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	49	35	431	527
Diseases of the heart	164	178	1,194	1,335
Hypertension with heart disease	16	17	115	117
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	11	10	49	50
Arteriosclerosis	13	19	97	120
Influenza	17	3	24	10
Pneumonia	39	31	163	175
Bronchitis	13	7	54	47
Other respiratory diseases	6	10	56	58
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	3	29	26
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	3	-	10	12
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	-	4	5
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	-	19	18
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	8	56	58
Diseases of the prostate	10	1	41	43
Maternal causes	1	1	4	7
Diseases of early infancy	12	19	162	174
Motor vehicle accidents	12	14	115	140
Other accidents	11	13	138	163
Suicide	5	8	66	72
All other causes	63	37	455	406
Total:	529	519	3,984	4,277

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.

LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October, 1957, totalled 747,927 acres, an increase of 118,276 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 5,416,777 acres, an increase of 1,783,486.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,367,950	4,332,723	16,720,386	16,484,810
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 5. 7	6. 7. 2	24. 1. 10	24. 5. 0
Expenditure	5,114,545	4,604,962	19,316,245	18,567,170
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 7. 1	6. 15. 2	27. 16. 8	27. 6. 3

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of October, 1957, amounted to £65,058,852 or £93-9-6 per head of population as against £60,993,000 or £89-8-6 per head at the end of October, 1956.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the five weeks ended 30th October, 1957, amounted to £17,098,715 compared with £15,472,392 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
		1957	1956	1957	1956
Transfers	No.	1,791	1,637	6,945	5,892
	£.	3,063,246	2,040,214	11,036,822	8,120,016
Mortgages	No.	1,309	1,072	5,264	4,140
	£.	3,280,383	1,859,456	10,739,143	7,581,790
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	989	813	3,872	3,261

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
October, 1957	3,136,310	2,626,211	11,161,957	487,190
October, 1956	3,905,908	2,847,488	10,906,733	577,260
Four months ended October, 1957	13,645,168	11,049,731	41,331,289	2,037,432
Four months ended October, 1956	13,182,840	8,677,068	38,059,654	1,869,735

COMPANIES REGISTERED

94 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,951,000 and 42 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended October, 1957. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 70 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,248,000 and 34 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Four Months ended OCTOBER					
	1957			1956		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	36	95,054	48,090	37	97,982	117,817
Deeds of Assignment (a)	40	134,750	108,236	31	104,843	131,421
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Gross Earnings (a)* £.	1,071,700	1,209,200	3,236,900	3,808,800
Working Expenses (a) £.	1,113,713	1,390,892	3,679,634	3,872,914
Train Miles Run No.	598,508	753,865	1,866,198	2,305,327
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 125,441	(b) 121,891	(c) 306,080	(c) 306,765
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,398,326	1,401,275	3,708,838	3,366,800
Motor Bus No.	25,058	27,237	74,039	77,417
<u>Tonnage Carried</u>				
Paying Goods	247,750	342,783	808,502	1,134,118
Livestock	17,715	18,207	38,056	39,919
Departmental (Free Freight)	49,929	55,078	153,634	175,369
Total:	315,394	416,068	1,000,192	1,349,406
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	41,751,745	55,995,883	136,985,654	186,324,009
Livestock	2,440,246	2,462,917	5,458,833	5,677,228
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,952,031	6,010,477	17,372,645	21,531,552
Total:	50,144,022	64,469,277	159,817,132	213,532,789

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 14th September.

(c) Period ended September.

* Figures liable to revision.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS
(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,921	5,792	101	3,193
Year 1952	4,088	2,006	74	1,121	8,078	5,549	115	1,939
Year 1953	4,460	1,369	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
Year 1956	5,219	1,856	24	724	9,067	4,582	85	1,057
<u>1957 -</u>								
January	376	99	-	82	684	250	5	122
February	471	114	-	83	769	261	8	116
March	419	168	2	78	690	418	4	112
April	414	169	4	84	696	432	5	127
May	581	177	2	67	961	409	5	113
June	398	153	1	51	761	343	2	75
July	485	187	6	71	882	395	8	112
August	409	231	3	65	769	452	6	96
September	474	169	4	88	806	391	6	112

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1954 -</u>								
June	47,819	20,400	593	9,692	78,312	59,257	1,124	15,243
December	52,072	21,721	590	9,713	84,963	60,905	1,143	14,894
<u>1955 -</u>								
June	55,720	22,694	555	9,605	90,255	62,753	1,138	14,662
December	59,374	23,666	562	9,342	95,014	63,128	1,148	14,041
<u>1956 -</u>								
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
December	64,158	24,641	573	9,133	101,708	64,765	1,209	13,551
<u>1957 -</u>								
January	64,665	24,724	569	9,162	100,818	62,770	1,109	12,990
February	64,766	24,703	569	9,114	101,940	63,853	1,204	13,266
March	64,839	24,656	571	9,070	102,628	64,485	1,212	13,378
April	65,184	24,561	576	9,119	102,327	63,697	1,212	13,163
May	65,369	24,485	576	9,071	103,555	64,542	1,219	13,350
June	65,013	24,354	580	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,224	13,146
July	66,611	24,648	582	8,636	103,890	63,064	1,221	12,550
August	66,632	24,545	589	8,526	104,271	63,181	1,231	12,471
September	66,555	24,320	594	8,329	104,524	63,170	1,238	12,298

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.
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TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	3,126	3,142	11,303	10,627	10,231	9,993	21,874	26,618
Interstate	7,826	8,422	22,709	21,716	5,929	4,978	10,830	10,483
Total	10,952	11,564	34,012	32,343	16,160	14,971	32,704	37,101

BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors, etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
Year 1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957 -										
March Qr.	287	852	774	2,194	21	263	149	1,798	1,231	5,107
June Qr.	418	1,134	1,071	3,103	27	455	154	1,186	1,670	5,878

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
Year 1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957 -										
March Qr.	610	2,025	3	7	407	890	1	2	1,021	2,924
June Qr.	845	2,768	10	20	576	1,295	1	1	1,432	4,084

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	OCTOBER		Ten Months ended OCTOBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	64,254	64,594	714,083	683,235
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,003,966	1,009,285	11,157,536	10,675,543
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	Nil	Nil	1,371,562	1,332,823

* Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Ltd.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 - 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956	1957	1956
Metropolitan Area	3078	3063	3064	2970	2746	2680	2725	2626
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3188	3216	3234	3130	2624	2579	2625	2539
Northam	3164	3115	3158	2996	2716	2607	2681	2552
Bunbury	3155	3101	3141	3024	2761	2687	2738	2631
Geraldton	3264	3182	3228	3054	2936	2849	2906	2796
Collie	3201	3135	3173	3048	2519	2450	2496	2410

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician

Month	1956			1957		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	136,330	43,687	180,017	134,232	43,806	178,038
February	137,946	44,627	182,573	134,594	44,839	179,433
March	137,563	44,762	182,325	134,816	45,022	179,838
April	136,859	44,848	181,707	134,587	44,505	179,092
May	136,208	45,034	181,242	134,124	44,691	178,815
June	135,482	44,565	180,047	133,650	44,159	177,809
July	134,639	44,545	179,184	133,311	44,323	177,634
August	134,685	44,019	178,704	133,411	44,457	177,868
September	134,431	44,167	178,598	133,669	44,815	178,484
October	134,494	44,189	178,683			
November	134,756	44,368	179,124			
December	134,699	44,623	179,322			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))				
	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
January	213	226	237	241	234
February	217	228	240	241	234
March	220	231	242	240	235
April	221	230	243	239	234
May	222	231	242	238	235
June	220	230	239	235	233
July	221	230	238	233	232
August	221	230	239	232	232
September	223	232	241	233	234
October	224	233	241	234	
November	227	234	243	234	
December	227	233	242	235	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1956 are preliminary.

GENERAL INFORMATION			
NAME	DATE	TIME	PLACE
1. NAME	1. DATE	1. TIME	1. PLACE
2. NAME	2. DATE	2. TIME	2. PLACE
3. NAME	3. DATE	3. TIME	3. PLACE
4. NAME	4. DATE	4. TIME	4. PLACE
5. NAME	5. DATE	5. TIME	5. PLACE
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9. NAME	9. DATE	9. TIME	9. PLACE
10. NAME	10. DATE	10. TIME	10. PLACE

DETAILED RECORD			
NAME	DATE	TIME	PLACE
1. NAME	1. DATE	1. TIME	1. PLACE
2. NAME	2. DATE	2. TIME	2. PLACE
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SUMMARY			
NAME	DATE	TIME	PLACE
1. NAME	1. DATE	1. TIME	1. PLACE
2. NAME	2. DATE	2. TIME	2. PLACE
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TOTALS			
NAME	DATE	TIME	PLACE
1. NAME	1. DATE	1. TIME	1. PLACE
2. NAME	2. DATE	2. TIME	2. PLACE
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10. NAME	10. DATE	10. TIME	10. PLACE

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
28/10/57	13. 12. 9	8. 17. 3	13. 11. 5	8. 16. 5	13. 6. 7	8. 13. 3

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations)

Particulars	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1957	1956	1957	1956
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	47,864	44,748	190,832	182,182
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	43,200	40,678	172,222	164,960

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERING IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
September, 1957	10,258	511	155,689	17,737
September, 1956	9,973	412	166,971	10,956
3 Months ended September, 1957	43,731	1,417	332,360	46,419
3 Months ended September, 1956	44,080	1,194	334,721	32,005

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
Year 1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
1957 -										
January	405	185	169	94	574	279	3	7	228	118
February	408	144	183	76	591	220	5	3	220	104
March	520	182	192	84	712	266	8	7	219	118
April	493	197	174	90	667	287	10	3	227	123
May	542	185	192	64	734	249	6	8	217	83
June	618	202	192	94	810	296	12	7	239	125
July*	558	190	199	62	757	252	5	4	231	81
August*	622	186	193	81	815	267	5	9	238	110
September	454	165	160	58	614	223	8	1	177	85
Total Nine Months ended September	4,620	1,636	1,654	703	6,274	2,339	62	49	1,996	947

* Revised.

Date		Description		Amount		Balance	
1950		Jan 1		100.00		100.00	
1950		Feb 1		50.00		50.00	
1950		Mar 1		25.00		25.00	
1950		Apr 1		12.50		12.50	
1950		May 1		6.25		6.25	
1950		Jun 1		3.12		3.12	
1950		Jul 1		1.56		1.56	
1950		Aug 1		0.78		0.78	
1950		Sep 1		0.39		0.39	
1950		Oct 1		0.19		0.19	
1950		Nov 1		0.09		0.09	
1950		Dec 1		0.04		0.04	
1950		Total		100.00		100.00	

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
		1957	1956	1957	1956
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	488	587	2,041	2,315
Bricks - Cement	'000	216	217	905	778
- Clay	'000	10,562	8,861	37,203	31,117
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yd.	155	110	573	408
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	2,829	2,092	9,902	7,788
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gal.	29,765	25,208	100,329	93,134
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	801	471	2,764	1,819
Timber, Sawn	'000 sp.ft.	(a) 17,709	(a) 18,386	(b) 54,076	(b) 56,163
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	834	566	3,789	2,920
Raincoats (inc. Oilskins) Men's and Boys'	no.	-	-	640	578
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	5,952	5,079	21,128	17,531
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	379	478	1,457	2,106
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	101	165	483	834
- 2 piece	no.	1,980	2,071	6,976	7,112
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	5,272	5,905	19,078	19,770
- Work	no.	13,103	10,948	54,564	57,943
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes (all types)	pair	29,682	32,926	120,797	126,955
Sandals	pair	22,705	26,872	64,331	86,375
Slippers	pair	25,761	38,697	86,164	141,743
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	535	807	2,244	2,392
Butter	'000 lb.	2,437	2,671	8,604	8,729
Cheese	'000 lb.	434	441	1,215	1,229
Jams	'000 lb.	38	26	237	221
Margarine	'000 lb.	130	115	474	562
Sauce - Tomato	Imperial pint	52,864	78,330	296,689	307,528
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	1,091	676	2,494	2,385
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	119	145	469	519
- Nitric	cwt.	20	64	152	226
- Sulphuric	ton	16,134	17,733	63,582	56,077
Coal	ton	84,523	83,705	317,789	322,744
Cycles, Pedal	no.	390	634	1,072	1,845
Gas Produced	million cu. ft.	125	129	517	532
Iron (Pig Iron)	tons	1,153	1,250	4,690	4,622
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,531	2,403	9,036	8,388
- Woven Wire	no.	3,995	3,103	11,016	11,235
- Soft Filled	no.	3,249	3,141	12,398	12,039
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	33	58	127	170
Utilities (all types)	no.	-	4	10	11
Trailers (all types)	no.	14	14	39	39
Perambulators	no.	91	42	265	188
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	7,354	6,601	25,692	26,643
Superphosphate	ton	44,556	49,606	176,385	152,352
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,315	2,471	8,330	8,020

(a) September figures. October not available.

(b) Three months ended September.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1955-56, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(& Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1955-56	26.8	10.0	18.2	15.5	27.8	11.0	8.1	6.1	29.4	152.9	51.2
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.0
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.9
1956	6.6	2.4	4.8	4.5	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	6.8	36.9	12.8
1957	6.7	2.7	4.8	4.6	5.9	2.7	1.8	1.4	7.0	37.6	12.3
June Qtr.											
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	11.7
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	13.0
1956	6.9	2.6	4.3	3.5	7.3	2.8	1.6	1.4	7.1	37.5	11.3
1957	7.1	2.9	4.8	3.9	7.3	2.9	1.8	1.5	7.2	39.4	13.3
Sept. Qtr.											
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.5	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.9	2.8	4.4	3.6	6.5	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.8	36.7	11.2
Dec. Qtr.											
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.8	2.5	4.7	4.2	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	14.2
1956	7.2	2.7	4.8	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.6	8.1	42.1	12.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth Moving Equipment, etc.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 25% of Total Sales)

FRUIT

Item	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	32. 0	21. 9	21. 5	15. 3	12.10	9. 8	8. 3	8. 2	10. 2			
Oranges - Navel	bushel	-	-	-	-	30. 2	19. 4	19. 7	23. 5	27. 1			
- Valencia	bushel	27. 2	27. 6	33. 9	39. 5	27. 0	27. 0	24. 2	18. 2	22. 1			
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 4	1. 2	1. 4	1. 5	1. 4	1. 4	1.11	2. 1	1.11			
Apples - Granny Smith	bushel	20. 0	19. 8	14. 5	19.10	24. 3	25. 9	27. 3	32. 6	42. 6			
- Other	bushel	21. 5	17.11	16.10	22. 8	23. 8	24. 5	27. 1	32. 8	42. 0			
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	20. 9	15. 9	15. 8	21.11	20. 2	18. 9	23. 8	30. 0	38. 0			
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	26. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	24.11	25. 1	25. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	19. 6	16. 7 $\frac{1}{2}$	25. 5	36.11	-	-	-	-	-			
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	18. 5	18. 8	19. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	17. 0	20. 4	24. 9	27. 4	24.11	28. 6	-	-	-			

VEGETABLES

Item	Unit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cabbage	50 lb. crate	3. 8	6.10	5. 8	6. 4	5. 6	5.11	12. 7	11.11	13. 5			
Cauliflowers	dozen	-	27. 0	21. 8	17. 0	11.11	7. 2	19. 4	14. 9	7. 0			
Lettuce	crate	5. 9	6. 5	7.10	8. 3	6. 9	8. 0	15. 1	11. 9	11. 8			
Table Celery	dozen heads	6. 4	4. 9	6. 6	4. 7	6. 5	5. 6	4. 3	9.10	10. 6			
Beetroot	cwt.	16. 8	27. 7	28. 3	21. 2	20. 1	17. 0	29. 7	43. 7	49. 5			
Carrots	cwt.	20. 6	39.10	46. 7	56. 8	45. 6	31. 2	39.10	35. 9	42. 3			
Parsnips	cwt.	69. 2	86. 1	111. 0	105. 9	84. 9	65. 9	73. 5	67. 0	68. 8			
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt bag	6. 3	8. 2	8. 2	6. 8	7. 6	5. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$	7. 9	8. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$	11. 2			
Swedes	cwt.	32. 9	67. 2	64. 1	74. 6	41. 9	29. 9	30. 6	31. 3	32. 2			
Runner Beans	lb.	5	9	11	7	6	9	1.11	2. 1	1. 3			
Peas	lb.	1. 7	2. 1	1.11	1. 4	1. 5	1. 9	2. 1	1. 4	11			
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	5	3	3	3	4	5	4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Pumpkin	bag	23. 3	18.10	16. 1	16. 8	14. 3	15. 4	16. 1	16. 3	21.11			
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	9. 4	11. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$	13. 1	19. 5	15. 6	11. 9	15. 6	20.10	18. 8			
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.			
Onions (a)	ton	36. 0.0	36. 0.0	37. 3.0	40. 0.0	41. 8.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0			
Potatoes (b)	ton	41.15.0	41.15.0	41.15.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0			

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area. / No local onions available.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R., Porth.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (MIDLAND MARKETS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 50% of Total Sales)

LIVESTOCK

Item	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>												
Suckers	-	-	-	-	4. 8. 0	4.17. 0	4.12. 0	4. 7. 4	4. 4.10			
Lambs - Wool	3.18. 0	4. 6. 8	4.11. 8	5. 7. 0	5.12. 5	6. 2. 7	4.16. 0	4. 7. 2	-			
- Shorn	-	-	-	4. 4. 0	4. 1. 7	4.19. 5	4. 9. 5	3.13. 7	3.14. 3			
Hoggets - Wool	3.16. 8	4. 4. 8	4. 7. 8	4. 9.10	4.18. 8	5.12. 5	4.17. 3	3.17. 5	-			
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	3.12.10	5. 3. 7	3. 4. 3	-	-			
Ewes - Wool	2.17. 0	3. 7. 8	3. 6. 3	4. 1.10	4.16. 3	5. 5. 3	4.18. 8	4. 8. 2	-			
- Shorn	-	-	-	2. 4. 0	3. 2. 3	4. 2. 3	3. 6. 0	2.11. 7	2. 6. 5			
Wethers - Wool	3.17. 5	4. 3. 5	4. 3.10	4.16.10	5. 7.10	6. 7. 7	5. 6. 5	4. 3. 5	-			
- Shorn	-	-	-	2.18. 7	3. 7. 7	3.14. 5	3.14. 5	3. 3.11	2.16. 7			
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>												
Baby Beef	29. 9. 0	27.13. 5	29. 9.10	34. 7. 7	40. 5. 5	40. 2. 0	39.14. 3	35.13. 4	32. 2. 2			
Heifers	31. 2. 5	30.19. 3	34.15. 5	41.19.10	46. 0.10	46. 7.10	43.13. 3	39. 2.10	36. 0. 5			
Cows	41.10. 3	35. 7. 3	40.14. 5	45. 0.10	47.16. 3	47. 9. 3	48.16.10	39.15. 2	38.14. 6			
Steers	40. 3. 7	38. 8. 5	46.10.10	50.13. 7	53.15. 0	52. 9. 3	52. 7. 3	47.11. 9	44.14. 9			
Bullocks	46.10. 7	44. 4.10	44.13. 3	57. 1. 0	54. 8.10	52. 7. 7	50.17.10	45.19. 0	43.11.10			
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>												
Slips	6. 8. 7	6.14. 3	6. 6. 5	5.12. 5	5. 6. 0	4.14. 0	4.16. 3	3.17. 3	3.15. 3			
Porkers	10.18. 7	10. 3.10	9.16. 3	10.16. 0	9.13. 1	9. 4. 7	8.15. 1	8.12. 7	7.16. 8			
Baconers	17.10. 3	17. 0.10	17. 0.10	16.16. 7	15.17. 0	15.17. 5	14.15. 0	14. 0. 8	13. 3. 8			

